

Arizona Game & Fish Department



ARIZONA BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM

FY 2007 - 2008 REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (Funds Available July 2007)

Application Deadline:
Applications must be received at:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Development Branch
2221 West Greenway Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

No later than: Thursday, November 30, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

Administered by the
**DEVELOPMENT BRANCH
BOATING FACILITIES SECTION**

This request supersedes all previous requests.

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REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Arizona Boating Access Program (ABAP or Program) is to improve boating access and related facilities on waters where gasoline boating is permitted throughout Arizona. The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) according to federal regulations, state statutes and Department policy administers the Program. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) conducts federal administration of the funding.

PROGRAM FUNDING

The Program is a cooperative effort involving the USFWS and the Department. The Program was founded in 1984 through the **Wallop-Breaux Amendment** to the **Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act** of 1950, as amended, **Dingell-Johnson**. The Program is designed to increase sport fishing and boating opportunities through the wise investment of anglers' and boaters' tax dollars in state sport fishery development projects. Under the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Wallop-Breaux), a minimum of 15% of this federal aid allocation is to be used to provide boating facility improvements on public lakes and waterways, which allow for the practical use of gasoline-powered motorboats.

The Department provides a 25% match to this allocation to bring about the total funding for the Program. **It is anticipated that approximately \$500,000 will be available for the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 - 2008 grant cycle.**

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be direct and authorized representatives of federal or state government agencies or political subdivisions thereof, having direct appurtenant land jurisdiction to public lakes and waterways in Arizona, or authorized representatives of non-governmental entities operating public boating access facilities under long-term license or lease from an above-mentioned governmental entity.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial management capability sufficient to guarantee audit accountability of the expenditures per the grant parameters and "The Common Rule" (43 CFR Part 12) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars A-102, A-87, and A-133. Upon verification that an application is timely and eligible for scoring prioritization, applicants may be required to complete and submit a certification of financial management capability.

ELIGIBLE FACILITIES

Facilities that may be constructed on eligible access areas using boating access funds in Arizona include, but are not limited to:

1. Launching facilities, such as ramps and boat lifts.
2. Maneuvering area for vehicle and trailer adjacent to ramp.
3. Parking area to serve ramp users.
4. Access road to the ramp and parking area, which shall be limited to a reasonable distance from an established publicly owned road.
5. Sanitary facilities to serve boaters, including restrooms (floating or on ground), pump out stations, potable water supply and sewage treatment facilities where economically feasible.
6. Initial channel improvements where necessary to facilitate launch ramp usage.
7. Security lighting to serve boaters where necessary and economically feasible. (Operational costs shall be borne by the subgrantee.)
8. Walkways adjacent to ramp area.
9. Courtesy docks for temporary tie up of boats.
10. Fish cleaning stations, fish hoists and other features to assist watercraft based anglers.
11. Publication of guides, brochures, maps, road signs, Internet sites, and other aids to inform boaters of the types, availability, and locations of boating access sites.
12. Boat-in camping/day-use facilities and amenities.
13. Navigation Aids in the immediate area of access facilities.
14. Boat Wash Down Stations (Pressure washers).

OTHER INFORMATION

Multiple grant awards are anticipated, using a competitive scoring process based upon applicability to prioritized Department Resource Issues (200 points), Activities (200 points) and Strategic Objectives (100 points). In addition, applications are evaluated on feasibility (80 points), benefits (70 points), merit (150 points), technical review (100 points), and costs (100 points). Formal notifications of grant awards typically occur during the month of June.

Additional information on this grant opportunity, including the grant manual and application forms, is available on the Department's web site at:

www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/boating_access.shtml